A

LETTER

To A

FRIEND,

Containing certain

OBSERVATIONS

Upon ſome Paſſages, which have been Publiſhed

In a Late

LIBELL

Intituled, the Third Part of

NO

PROTESTANT-PLOT;

And which do Relate to the

KINGDOM

OF

IRELAND.

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SIR,

I Have received the third part of *No Proteſtant Plot* which you were pleaſed to ſend me out of *England*: And I cou'd have wiſhed the two preceding parts had accompanied it, which I don't find are to be met with in this Kingdom; But I am apt to believe you did forbear the ſending of them, becauſe they might not poſſibly contain ſuch things as the other does in Relation to *Ireland*, and concerning which you only deſire to be ſatisfied in. And therefore I am as heartily thankful for this, as I have been honeſtly careful to inform my ſelf by the moſt Authentick papers and the moſt knowing perſons in Affairs here, with what truth the Particulars of it touching this Kingdom are related in it; For I will not pretend to meddle with its relations as to other places, both becauſe they are no part of your commands to me, and in regard I have not the ſame opportunities of coming to the knowledg of them: But this I may adventure to ſay, that if the Author did uſe no greater ſincerity in his delivery of paſſages as to the one, than he has ſhewn as to the other, he is abſolutely one of the moſt Malicious and Barefaced *LIBELLERS* that (even in this time of Exceſs of ſuch Creatures) has been produced: For not to detain you too long with Prefacing, but as briefly as may be to come to the matter, neither therein to follow this *LIBELLER* with a direct or formal Anſwer, for fear of falling into the Error againſt which *Solomon* thus Cautions, *Anſwer not a fool in his own kind leſt thou alſo be like unto him.* But only to make ſome few Animadverſions upon his *LIBEL*, for the detection of his Malice, and the conviction of his Falſhoods in thoſe parts of it which touch this Kingdom and the Government of it, according as you expect, and I have premiſed; I find, that althô at his firſt entrance upon *Iriſh Affairs* in *page* the 2*d.* of his *LIBEL*, he appears as an *Abhorrer* of the Bloody and Cruel Maſſacres committed by the *Papiſts* in the late Rebellion of *Ireland*, yet he onely aſſumes that ſhape in

this Conjuncture of *Time*, the better to *Inſinuate* himſelf with, and the more plauſibly to *Convey* unto the too *Credulous Populace*, his deſigned *Calumnies* upon perſons *Concerned* in the preſent *Government* of this Kingdom; who are all firm *Proteſtants*, and moſt of whom by their *Zealous* oppoſitions of the *Popiſh Party* during the time of that *Rebellion*, as every of them by their ſteady *Adminiſtrations* ſince, have manifeſted the greateſt *Abhorrency* in the World of thoſe *Cruelties*; Although they are oppoſite to the preſent *FACTIOUS* and Pretended Proteſtant Party; Which therefore thus *hires* and *employs* baſe and *Mercenary* fellows to invent and publiſh ſcandals of them.

And notwithſtanding he wou'd in page the 16. where he makes his next ſtep as to *Ireland*, ſeem only to inveigh againſt the *Ingratitude* of the *PAPISTS* for the *lenities* they might have received, yet in his handling thereof, he ſcatters malicious invectives againſt the *Miniſters* here, and unjuſtly glances upon them, by making inſtances of *lenity* to have been extended to the *PAPISTS*, and of *ſeverity* to have been meaſured to the *DISSENTERS* ſince the Kings reſtauration, moſt whereof are perfectly invented, and not any of them can this *Government* reaſonably be charged with. Of the former ſort are theſe his following allegations muſter'd up in page the 17*th*. viz.

Firſt, *that* PRIESTS *and* FRIERS *are tolerated to ſwarm and openly to Celebrate* Maſs *in* Ireland. The contrary whereof is univerſally known in the Kingdom; Repeated Proclamations having been *Iſſued* from the Lord *Lieutenant* and *Council* for the Baniſhing of *FRIERS*, and all others of the *Popiſh Regular* and *Titular Clergy* out of this *Dominion*, and promiſing *Rewards* which have been *punctually* performed to ſuch as ſhou'd *find* and *ſeize* them, which for a great while has render'd that ſort of People not to be *viſible* in theſe parts, and for the *PRIESTS* (who were permitted to ſtay in all times, inſomuch, that not any of the *ORDERS* which came out of *England*, nor even an *ADDRESS* which was lately made by the Houſe of *Commons* there to the King, and by his Majeſty ſent hither for *baniſhing* the

the reſt of the *Popiſh Clergy*, did mention them) Althô they are ſuffer'd to remain, yet are they ſo ſtrictly inhibited by *Proclamations*, and thoſe of them caught *Offending* ſo ſeverely *puniſhed*, that for a *Conſiderable* time here has not been any ſuch open *Celebration* of the *MASS* heard of amongſt us, as the *LIBELLER* hath falſly ſuggeſted.

Secondly, *that the Introduction of the whole* Popiſh Hierarchy *into this Kingdom was Connived at, and a publick Aſſembly of the* PAPAL Clergy *allowed by a Commiſſion of the Duke of* ORMONDE *to be held and to ſit in* 1666. The ſcandalous untruth of both which, do's upon inquiry appear very evidently, for as to that pretended *Commiſſion* for *Aſſembling* of the *Papal Clergy*, which I begin with, becauſe from what I ſhall ſay by way of *anſwer* to it, will naturally flow a confutation of that feigned *connivance* of the *Popiſh Hierarchy*: it is to be *obſerved* that as my Lord Duke of *Ormonde*, whoſe word will ſurely outweigh that of the *LIBELLERS*, do's utterly deny his ever having granted a *Commiſſion* of that kind, ſo is there no ſuch thing to be found, nor the leaſt footſtep of it to be met with in any of the *Offices*, through which all *Commiſſions* muſt paſs before they can be of any vertue, and where they are *Recorded* for every one to have recourſe unto; Beſides, the *Ground* upon which it is manifeſt the *LIBELLER* wou'd raiſe this *ſtructure*, and the *ſourſe* from *whence* it is plain *he* wou'd derive this Objection, when explained, and conſidered, cannot bear or *Warrant* any ſuch thing, for they ſtand thus, *Peter Walſh* (who was a ſtiff oppoſer both of the *Popes Nuntio*, and of the whole *Rebellious* party in *Ireland* during all the time of the *Iriſh Rebellion*) ſometime after the Kings *Reſtauration* having projected and Preſented to his *Majeſty*, a *Remonſtrance* ſigned by him and divers other *Roman Catholicks* of this Kingdom, and containing the higheſt expreſſions of Loyalty to his Majeſty, and the largeſt aſſurances of Fidelity to the *Crown*, that had ever before been tender'd by *Papiſts*, and which proved ſo *derogatory* to the *Uſurpations* of the *Pope*, that it was *diſcountenanced* and

Cenſur'd at *Rome*, *Lovain*, and other *Popiſh Univerſities*, and oppos'd by the *Popes Internuncio* then reſiding at *Bruxels*, who did all that in him lay to dehort *PAPISTS* againſt it, and upon the account of all which, the ſubſcribers and adherers to it have not dar'd unto this day to adventure their perſons into any forreign parts where the *Pope* bears ſway. His Majeſty was very well ſatisfied with it, and upon *Walſh*'s repairing into this Kingdom about the year 1666. for propagating ſuch the Doctrine of it (which no Loyal Proteſtant cou'd be againſt) was pleaſed to ſend his inſtructions to my Lord Duke of *Ormonde* His then Lord Lieutenant, for his ſuffering of *Peter Walſh* to meet with ſome *Titular Biſhops*, at that time here, to perſwade them by his Arguments, and to gain others of the *Papiſts* by their Examples, to ſubſcribe unto that *Remonſtrance:* which meeting His *Grace* accordingly Permitted, but onely, and ſo ſtrictly to that end propoſed, as He was both vigilant in ſeeing that thoſe *Biſhops* did not make uſe of it to any other purpoſe and careful in providing that they ſhou'd not take up too much time, even in the doing of that buſineſs, and therefore very early perceiving that they cou'd not come to ſuch an Agreement as might produce the effects which were expected, He Ordered them not only to *diſperſe*, but to quit the Kingdom, inſomuch that afterwards when *His Grace* was call'd from the Government, there were not above three *Popiſh Biſhops* remaining, *two* whereof were *Bedrid* and the *third* abſconded; althô when His Grace returned again to the Government (in immediate Succeſſion to my Lord of *Eſſex*) he found no leſs then *thirteen* of *them* to be *here*, and *them* he has cauſed to be driven *out* alſo, and this ſufficiently *confutes* the *LIBELLERS allegation* of His Grace conniving at the *Popiſh Hierarchy* being introduced, which in *Engliſh* is *Governance*, ſince He did thus expel the *Governors* in whom it reſided.

Thirdly, *That when the* PLOT *was to have been executed in* ENGLAND *anno* 1678. *there were no fewer than fifteen Sheriffs in* IRELAND, *who were either profeſſed and avowed* PA-

PAPISTS, *or ſuch as bred and educated their Children in that Religion*; The notorious untruth whereof appears by the Original *Roll* of the *SHERIFFS* of that Year (whoſe *Names* are placed in the * *Margin* to abide all ſcrutiny if there ſhou'd be Occaſion) not *one* of them there mentioned being ſo *princip'l'd*, or *ſuſpected* to be ſo *qualified*, eſpecially by my Lord *Lieutenant*, who cannot be ſuppoſed to know every *Mans perſon*, much leſs to *look* into his *heart* who happens to be placed in that *Office*, and therefore if *one* or *two* differently *qualified* ſhould chance to have *eſcaped* Him through want of *knowledge* or *Information*, and throughout a whole Kingdom, *His Grace* might very well be *excuſed* in ſuch a *Caſe*, as it falling out that there was not *one* in this, He is to be extreamly *Juſtified*. And whereas he affirms, *That the Papiſts have promiſcuouſly before with His Majeſties Proteſtant Subjects been advanced to ſeveral places of power and truſt*, If he means *publick places* of *power* and *truſt*, as he muſt if he means any thing he ſays, upon a ſtrict *inquiry* made it cannot be found that any *PAPISTS* have had *advancements* of that *kind* ſince His Majeſties Reſtauration, ſave only ſuch of *them* as were made *Juſtices* of the *Peace* by the Lord *BERKLEY*'s Orders in the time of his *Government*, and Colonel *Richard Talbott* made *Captain* of a *Troop* of *Horſe* by Commiſſion from the *Earl* of *ESSEX* when He was *Chief Governour*, ſo as the *preſent Government* which this reflection moſt *Darts* at appears to be the leaſt *intitled* to it.

* Co. *Dub. Ja. Springham* Eſq;
Co. *Lowth Ja. Smallwood* Eſq;
Kings Co. *John Leveſter* Eſq;
Co. *Wexford John Tench: Senior*
Co. *Kilkenny John Kealy* Eſq; dying within the time, *Hen. Webb* was made *Shriff* the 23d of *April* 1678.
Co. *Meath. Nath. Poole* Eſq;
Queens Co. *William Gilbert* Eſq;
Co. *Wicklow Chriſtopher Ufher* Eſq;
Co. *Kildare Edward Baggot* Eſq;
Co. *Weſtmeath Edward Terrill* Eſq;
Co. *Catherlagh George Beech* Eſq;
Co. *Longford Geo. Conyngham* Eſq;
Co. *Cork Richard Hull* Eſq;
Co. *Limrick John Oddell*, Eſq;
Co. *Kerry William Ryves* Eſq:
Co. *Waterford Tho. Chriſtmas* Eſq:
Co. *Clare Tho Hickman* Eſq:
Co. *Tipperary Tho. Osborne* Eſq.
Co. *Gallaway Char. Holcroft* Eſq:
Co. *Leytrim Henry Crofton* Eſq:
Co. *Sligo Roger Smith* Eſq:
Co. *Mayo Sr. George Bingham Bar.*
Co. *Roſcommon Ed. Gardiner* Eſq:
Co. *Donegall Geo. Vaughan* Eſq:
Co. *Tyrone John Moderate* Eſq:
Co. *Fermanagh Ferdinando Dari.*
Co. *Antrim Edw. Harriſon* Eſq:
Co. *Armagh Godfry Walker* Eſq:
Co. *Monaghan Rich. Johnſon* Eſq:
Co. *Down Hugh Eccles* Eſq:
Co. *Cavan John Coyn* Eſq:
Co. & City of *Londonderry James Mriſon* and *Char. Newtowne.*

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Fourthly, *That though a Proclamation was publiſhed in* Ireland, *for ſearching the houſes of all Roman Catholiques for Arms, yet when the* SHERIFF *of the County of* GALWAY *went in purſuance thereof to ſearch the Earl of* CLANRICKARDS *houſe, where as he was informed all the Papiſts in that County had lodged their Arms, the ſaid Earl produced a Warrant from my Lord* LIEUTENANT *the Duke of* ORMONDE *that his houſe ſhould not be ſearched*, Which *Article* althô it be placed in *page* the 27*th* of the *LIBELL* yet for order ſake is *ranked* and *taken* notice of *here* with the others of *page* the 17*th* in the *Libell*, becauſe it is of the ſame *nature*, and of the like *truth* with them: For my Lord *Duke of ORMONDE* was ſo far from granting a *Warrant* to *that Earl* to hinder his *houſe* from being *ſearched* for *Arms*, that He never ſo much as gave him a *Licence* to keep any, but contrarywiſe where the *Earl* of *ESSEX* in his *Government* had given the ſaid *Earl* his *Licence* to keep a *quantity* of *Arms*, they were ſince by my Lord *Duke* of *ORMOND'S* Orders taken from him, and delivered into the *publick ſtores*.

Laſtly, he alleadges, *That yet while all this forbearance and tenderneſs have been expreſſed to the* PAPISTS, *the* DISSENTERS *have fallen under the misfortune of having an expreſs Law made againſt them, and divers of them have been proſecuted to Fine and Impriſonment upon it.* Wherein the *LIBELLER* ſhews his *Ignorance* as well as his *Malice*, for although the *Statute of* 2*d. Eliz.* for the *Uniformity* of *Common-Prayer* in this *Kingdom* (Which is without doubt againſt the *PAPISTS*, and who are frequently proſecuted upon it) ſhould by conſtruction be extended unto the DISSENTERS, (as I never *heard* it to be ſo *Adjudged* in the Caſe of any of them, ſo far are *They* from having been *Proſecuted* notwithſtanding their openly *numerous* and *frequent Meetings*) yet was there never any *Particular expreſs Law* made againſt *Them* either before, or as the *LIBELLER* wou'd have it believed, ſince the *KINGS Reſtauration*, And as that too

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moderate *Act* of 2*d. Elizab.* be all that is in *Force* againſt the *PAPISTS*, or that can be ſuppoſed to be againſt the *DISSENTERS*, ſo it is to be wiſhed that for the quiet of the Kingdom, *more* and *ſeverer Laws* were made againſt *both*. And this brings me to the *latter part* of my *Aſſertion*, that as moſt of the *LIBELLERS* inſtances of the *Lenity* ſhewn the *PAPISTS* and of the *ſeverity* extended to the *DISSENTERS* in this *Kingdom*, ſince the *KINGS* reſtauration are *invented*, which I hope I have fully proved to you, ſo that *none of them* can be reaſonably charged upon the preſent *Government*, which I think, I ſhall be able very eaſily and briefly to ſhew you, For all the *LIBELLER* obſerves with *ſemblance* of *truth*, and which looks like an *Objection* in that *point* as to this *GOVERNMENT* againſt which he *levels it*, is, *that there hath not any Laws been made againſt the* PAPISTS *in* Ireland *ſince the Kings return, ſave one againſt their living in Wall'd Towns.*

But if the method of enacting *Laws* in *Ireland* be thought upon, how that by *Poynings Act* the Chief Governour cannot call a *Parliament*, for the making of Laws in that *Kingdom*, before he prays the *King* and *Councils* leave for it, and tranſmits ſome *Bills* for their *Approbation* to be *paſſed* in it, and untill he receives thoſe *Bills* back again with *Licence* for the calling of a *Parliament*, and if it be Conſider'd that my *LORD LIEUTENANT* the Duke of *ORMOND* ſince his being here, hath *REPEATEDLY prayed* ſuch *Licence*, and *Tranſmitted Bills*, whereof ſome *were* as effectual againſt the *PAPISTS* (although there *were none* among them againſt other *DISSENTERS*) as cou'd be *deviſed*, and that he and the *Kingdom* were diſappointed therein, by the oppoſitions of *ſome Perſons* who are mightily extoll'd by the *LIBELLER*, that objection of there being *no more Laws* againſt the *PAPISTS* cannot in the leaſt affect this Government, eſpecially in the perſon of the *Duke* of *ORMOND*, neither can *his Grace* be thought to be concerned in the letter of *ſuſpenſion* of, or *diſpenſation* with the *Law* againſt *PAPISTS* living in *wall'd Towns*, which the *LIBELLER* men-

mentions; that being procured and executed when the Lord *BERKLY* was *Governour*, no more than *he* is to be *reſponſible* if the *Orders* for the taking off that *ſuſpenſion* which the *LIBELLER* paſſes over with *ſilence*, and which were grounded upon the *Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons in England*, were not as *effectually*, as they ſhou'd be put in *execution here*, they happening to come *Over hither* in the time of the *Earl* of *Eſſex*'s Government.

After the *LIBELLER* has thus, as in a falſe *Artificial Glaſs*, which is *able* to *make* the *beſt faces* look *deformed*, miſrepreſented our *GOVERNOUR* and *others co-operating* with *him* for the *KINGS* ſervice in the *Government*, and as *he* fancies has by *his* traducements of them rendred the *worſt of things*, which *he* the *worſt of Men* can *feign* to be *believed* concerning *them*: he proceeds to *page* the 40*th*, and from having before *endeavoured* to *aſperſe them* as if *they* ſhou'd by his *fictitious indulgences* to the *PAPISTS* incourage *them* in the old *POPISH PLOT*; *He* there *advances* and in effect *charges* them with being *ABETTORS* with them in the new fangled *PROTESTANT PLOT*; But the *perſons* he names for ſupport of this *Charge* are ſome of them, ſo *ridiculouſly* Idle, and others of them ſo *notoriouſly* wicked, and the inſtances he brings for proof of it, are all of them ſo *manifeſtly falſe*, that if the *LIBELLER* were not poſſeſt with a ſingular *ſpirit* of *folly* as well as of *lying*, he wou'd never have mention'd *them*, for as to *SMITH* who I find to be the firſt of the perſons named, he is ſuch an *abject wretch*, and ſo great a *malefactor*, and even in the *Goal*, where he has moſt *deſervedly* layn for a great while, and ſtill lies, do's daily appear ſo *vicious* a *thing*, that he had been only fit for the *Laws* to take notice of, were it not for the *nature* of the *Information* he gave in, which *Authority* wou'd not paſs over without examining, for be it known unto the *LIBELLER* and to all *ſuch* whoſe turn *he* wou'd ſerve, and under *whoſe* pay he writes, that thoſe in *GOVERNMENT here*, are as *apprehenſive* of *Dangers* as they

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can be; Though not as inventive of *them* as *they*, for this only reaſon, are, becauſe not in *GOVERNMENT* there; Therefore of the great *ſholes* of *Informations* brought in here, ſince the firſt *diſcovery* of the *Plot*, and which tended to the *proof* of it, not *one* was ever *rejected*, althô coming from the *vileſt* of *Men*. And therefore when that of *SMITH* againſt the Prieſt St. *LAWRANCE proffer'd* it ſelf at *DUBLIN*, it was immediately *received* and *ſolemnly proceeded upon*, the Lord *PRIMATE* who was then the *firſt* of the *Council* on the place, by the *Lord LIEUTENANTS* happening at that time to be in the *Country*, having conven'd ſuch *COUNCELLORS* as were in the *Town*, and with *them* having given all *neceſſary Orders* in that *affair*, which produced the *immediate apprehenſion* of St. *Lawrence*, together with the *ſeiſure* of *his papers*, and the *Commitment* of his *Perſon*, and *SMITH* had all the *Encouragement* fit to be given *him* in this *his Diſcovery*, inſomuch thar if any perſons, were found, reflecting upon his *Evidence*, they were *reprimanded* by the *Magiſtracy* for it, But this did not anſwer *his* end, in what *he* deſigned and expected by making ſuch *diſcovery*, being no leſs than that *he* ſhou'd forwith be *permitted to go* out of *priſon* upon the foot of it, Which there was *no reaſon* in the earth yet *to allow him*, until *he* had to *ſatisfaction* either proved *his accuſation* of St. *LAWRANCE* upon his *Tryal*, or diſproved *others accuſations* of *himſelf*, and for which *he* was *impriſon'd*, upon his own *Tryal*; And therefore, *he* did betake *himſelf* unto another *courſe*, and to *walk* in the *ſteps* of ſome of *his predeceſſors* the *IRISH evidences*, *who* obtained their *releaſments out of priſon* in this *Kingdom* where *they* found *they* were too *much known*, by getting *themſelves* to be ſent for as *Witneſſes* into *ENGLAND* where *they* were too *little known*; For which purpoſe, according to the *Mode* of the *times* we are *fallen into*, *he* Prepares a *NARATIVE* with a *letter* to incloſe it in, unto a *BUSIE Perſon* at *LONDON* in ſuch matters, and by the *aſſiſtance* of, together with *recomendatory letters* from a *half witted fellow* and *wretched RIMER* of this *Town*; gets them *tranſmitted to him*, who upon his *receiving of them*, and according to *his accuſtomed manner of*

running headlong without weighing matters, or if he chance to do it, making *the ſcales to light on that ſide which contains leaſt truth*, and is likelieſt *to make the greateſt ſtir*, conducts them with all *ſpeed* and *buſle* to *WHITEHAL*, and in hopes of having this freſh *INFORMER* or rather *new Engine* ſent for *over* to *work* with, lodges them with Mr. Secretary *JENKINS* for the *Information* of the *KING* and *COUNCIL*, having moſt *dutifully* and *mannerly* taken *eſpecial care* before to *Print* and *publiſh* them for the *Amuſement of the world*, but His *MAJESTY* and the *Lords* knowing this *Conductor* and his *drift*, *too well*, and experiencing ſuch kind of *Artifices* as this *Informer* uſed, *too much*, wou'd not be ſo paſſed upon by *them*, and yet at the ſame time were pleaſed ſo far to take notice of *thoſe Papers*, as to ſend them *over hither* with Orders to proceed upon them *according to Law here*, where the *matter* of them were properly *Cognizable*, and where *preparations* were made for *St. Lawrence* his being ſtrictly proſecuted upon *them*, The *KINGS Counſel* having *by order* and with *great circumſpection* formed a firm *Indictment* for *miſdemeanor* (which was all that in *their Opinions* the *matter* could bear) to be preferred againſt *him*, and the *Judges* having carefully *provided* that no *PAPIST* nor any *ſuſpected* to be *POPISHLY affected* ſhou'd paſs upon the Tryal of *him*, which came on the laſt *Michaelmas Term* in the *Kings Bench*, Where a *Jury* all conſiſting of the *ſtricteſt Proteſtants* and *ableſt Citizens* of the City of *Dublin* did appear, where *SMITH* had the greateſt *liberty* and *latitude* afforded to *him*, and which *he* made uſe of in the *proffering* and *management* of his *evidence*, that any *Court* did *ever give* or *Witneſs take*, and where St. *LAWRENCE* (whoſe *perſon* I *know* not, and whoſe *profeſſion* I *abominate*, and therefore, you may be ſure I ſpeak impartially what was obſerved univerſally) had nothing beyond *meer Juſtice* extended to *him*, and as a part thereof was that of *Allowance* of *Counſel* to plead for him, (which the *LIBELLER* with more *Malice than Law* makes his Obſervation upon) to be reckon'd, ſince he ſtanding *indicted* for *miſdemeanor* only, no *Judicature* cou'd have refuſed

ſed it to him *Juſtly*, ſo as all things ſeemed to *concur*, if not to have been *calculated* for St. *LAWRENCES Condemnation*, except *SMITH* himſelf, who by *variety* of *villanies* proved upon *him* in other Caſes, which *he* cou'd not deny, and by *many* and *palpable incoherences* and *contradictions* that fell from *him* in this *Caſe*, which were not to be *reconcil'd*, did wholly *prevent* it, for they were the reaſons that particularly *ſwayed* with the *Jury* to acquit St. *LAWRENCE* by their *verdicts*, and generally made *all others* who *heard* them, to do the like in their *Judgments*, and theſe were the *motives*, which made the *Gentlemen* of the *long Robe* (as they have declared) to *forbear*, becauſe *they* were *aſhamed* to appear on the behalf of ſuch a *blur'd* and *ſtellionated Creature*, and none of thoſe *wild inſtances* which the *LIBELLER* invents and mentions only to *debaſe* them, and to *reflect* upon *Authority*, and which it is to be obſerved *he* at once *inſinuates* to be believed by others, and yet expreſly ſays, *he will not ſo much as conjecture them himſelf:* ſo as *he* needed not in the *Concluſion* of this his *fable* of *SMITH*, have any more told us that he was no *diviner*, than I need tell you after all this that he is an *idle Dreamer.*

The next man our *LIBELLER* produces is *JAMES MORLEY*, whom *he* Stiles *Captain MORLEY*, though I know not for what reaſon, unleſs it be becauſe of *his* appearing at the *head* of the band of *IRISH WITNESSES*, which ſometime ſince *Marched* to *LONDON*, and of his *drawing them* up with what he would *have them ſwear unto* for *him*, but however *true* he may be in giving of that *Title* to *him*, I am *ſure* he is *moſt falſe* in thoſe things *he* relates *of* and poſſibly *from him*, and becauſe the *LIBELLER* will not be long before *he* makes my words *good* (though neither I nor all the World will ever be able to make his ſo) he no ſooner *mentions* the name of *MORLEY*, but as if it were a *ſpell* to raiſe a *lye* with, he falls plum into the telling of *one* concerning *him*, by introducing and expreſſing of *him* to have *appeared* and *Sworn* before the *Committee* of *LORDS* and *COMMONS* in *England*, *two Conſults which the*

Papiſts *had in* Ireland *in reference to the extirpating the* Proteſtant Religion *in that* Kingdom, whereas it appears by *MORLEYS Examination* taken either before a *Committee* of the *LORDS*, or of the *COMMONS*, or *both*, that *he* did not *ſwear* to thoſe *Conſults*, but only to a *hearſay* touching *them*; which *he* ſaid he had from *HUBBERT TIRRELL* and *Henry* ô *Neal*, who it is to be obſerved, were *two* Beggars, and ſuch *miſcreants* that an *honeſt* and a *diſcerning PROTESTANT* who knew *them* as well as *MORLEY* did, wou'd hardly have *adventur'd* to *repeat* any *thing* after *them*, much leſs to *conduct* what they ſhou'd *ſay*, unto *publick aſſemblies*, and in prejudice *of any* who was a *PROTESTANT* alſo, eſpecially Conſidering that as it is well known *MORLEY* had ſuch experience of their *villanies*, as before that time, *he* did *reject* their *proferr'd Oaths* to *him* in ſome *Trial* which *he* had in this *Kingdom*, however afterwards *he* became ſo *reconcil'd* to *them*, as in the laſt *PARLIAMENT* at *Weſtminſter* to make *uſe* of *their names* for injuriouſly *accuſing* of Sir *JOHN DAVIS*, a perſon *who* with all *his Relations*, have ever been *eminent profeſſors* of the *PROTESTANT Religion*, and for that *reaſon* known to be *obnoxious* to the *POPISH* Party, and it is beſides to be *remarked* that *Tirrell* has *lately* and *ſolemnly diſavowed his ever having known of any ſuch Conſults*, and *declared* that what *he* had *informed* concerning *them* was a *meer fiction*, which as *TYRRELL* alledges *MORLEY prompted* and *hired him* to make, and to *get others to ſwear unto for carrying on ſome deſigns of his own*, and what is yet more *remarkable* ô *NEAL* (who has lately *hang'd* for a *Robbery* in this *KINGDOM*) did juſt before he was thrown off the Ladder, *Confeſs himſelf* to be *perjured*, both in what he *deliver'd* as to thoſe *CONSULTS*, and in what he had *ſworn* againſt Sir *JOHN DAVIS*, and that *he* was by *MORLEYS deſire led* into the *latter perjury*, which *Confeſſion* coming from *one* in the inſtant *he* was going to the *dead*, muſt be *convincing* with all but *ſuch* who will not be *perſwaded tho one roſe from the dead*; After the *LIBELLER* has thus begun and diſpach'd this

this *untruth* of *MORLEY*, who has no reason to *con him thanks* for it, since it has *provoked* and produced the representation of these *truths* concerning *him*, *he* growes upon his own hands, and to shew his proficiency in the *lying-trade*, *he* proceeds to the *delivery* of a *grosser falcity*, in *asserting*, *that six or seven witnesses have been procured to depose in this Kingdom*, *that* MORLEY *was suborned by the* Earls *of* ESSEX *and* SHAFTSBURY, *and by Sir* ROBERT CLAYTON, *to swear treason against the Duke of* ORMONDE *the Lord* CHANCELLOR BOYLE *and Sir* JOHN DAVIS, whereas upon *search* in the *Offices* where *things* of that *nature* (if any had been,) wou'd be lodg'd, and upon *inquiry* from the *Officers* who cou'd not but know of *them* if they were *there*, it cannot be *found* that ever any *one such deposition* was *taken*, or *so much as as heard* of, but several *Examinations* (and with *probability* of *truth too* considering the before mentioned *proceeding* of *MORLEY*) do appear of his *Contrivances* of that kind with *people of infinite lower ranks*, and it is to be hoped *of infinite different principles too*, than it can be thought the *Earls of* ESSEX and *SHAFTSBURY* and Sir *Robet CLAYTON* are of, who the *Lord Duke of ORMONDE* and *those* named with *him* do not suppose wou'd *Imbarque themselves* with such a *sort of* man as *MORLEY* is, and in *such manner of Designs* as *he was upon*, so as the setting up of these *imaginary depositions*, which never *had being* but in this *LIBELLER's idle brain*, and in his *Idler LIBELL*, must have been a piece of *MORLEY's magick*, by such *Incantations* to charm those *persons* of *Quality* to stand by *him* in this time of *his* deservedly *Expiring Credit*, and to raise *their Spirits* (thô most *Undeservedly*) against *others* whom *his* and the *LIBELLERS malice* would *point them unto*, and *whom* (though it be *impossible* to *find them* out by the *mark* the *LIBELLER puts upon them*,) of having obtain'd those *depositions*, because there were *never any such*, yet by all this *Lurry* about *Morley*, I gues *them* to be certain *persons* of such *uprightness* and *integrity* as I am certain, *they* will not fear to have *their Actions* pla-

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c'd in that *approaching light* of a *PARLIAMENT* with *which the* LIBELLER threatens them, and *which* then *ſhines brighteſt* when *MORLEY* and the LIBELLER, and ſuch other *ſons* of *darkneſs* are *ſcatter'd* from *before it*, and thanks be to *God*, we have no reaſon to *deſpair* of a *bleſſing of that kind* to attend that time, for the *weather* ſeems to *clear* very much, and the *aire* to be ſo well upon *Purifying*, that thoſe *infections* cannot *remain*. And as the LIBELLER has thus *ingenuouſly* in this Paragraph repreſented *things that never were*, ſo *he* will not leave it off untill he has *as ingenuouſly* miſrepreſented *Matters otherwiſe than they were*, according to the ſaying of *Fame*, the true *Parent* of this *lying Monſter*, that *pariter facta atque infecta canebat*; thus purpoſely to reflect upon perſons concerned in this *Government* (which the ſcope of his whole *diſcourſe* as to *Ireland* drives at) *he* wou'd from the receiving an *Information* which was given in here againſt *MORLEY*, *for ſuch treaſonable expreſſions as* are not fit to be repeated, but in a *Judicial* way of proceeding againſt *him*, and from the *tranſmiſſion* which was made of it to the *KING* and *COUNCIL* in *ENGLAND*, infer a *fondneſs*, & I do not know *what*, to have been in *them* of it, whereas *they* did but as *they* were *bound*, in taking a *matter* of that *dangerous import* when it was *offer'd*, and as *they* wou'd have done, if it had related to *any one elſe* beſides *MORLEY*, and only obſerved their *duty* and the *Cuſtome* of their *Predeceſſors* in tranſmitting (as they alwaies did) *things* of ſuch *a tranſcendent nature*, let *them* concern whomſoever they wou'd, And why this *ordinary practis'd method* in all other Caſes, ſhou'd be thus *extraordinarily handled* and *repreſented* in *MORLEY*'s by the LIBELLER, is what I cannot think of any other *reaſon* to be given for, but this, that *he* is a LIBELLER; Beſides, ſuppoſe it were true, as the LIBELLER ſays, (and it is the only thing *he* ſays of *affairs* in *IRELAND* which ſuppoſition it ſelf can help) *That at the time of this tranſmiſſion as to* MORLEY *it was withal deſir'd he ſhou'd be ſent over hither to be Tried, where his Crime was ſuppoſed to be done.* (althô really no ſuch thing

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was desired) and that the *KING* had granted it, which *He* neither did, nor denyed, because no *application* was made for it, do's the *LIBELLER believe* himself? or can he imagin any one else will *believe* him in, but *laugh* at him for, this his *doctrine* thereupon, *That it were illegal and Arbitrary to send a Malefactor to be Tryed here for a fact committed by him here*; For surely that is as *legal* and looks something more *reasonable* than to send for *persons* from *hence* to be Tryed in *England* for *things they* are only charged to have *Committed here*, as we see has of late been practised, and which thô the *Lawyers* say may be done in this *Case*, I am sure no *Lawyer* will ever allow what the *LIBELLER* says in the other *Case*, especially, if no pertinenter a *reason* be given than this, which he assigns for it, *because the party was born and bred and has an Estate in ENGLAND*, For such *Circumstances alone*, can never *protect* any *one* in *ENGLAND*, or *IRELAND*, from answering for his breach of the *Laws* in either *KINGDOM*, and in that *KINGDOM* too, where *he* so broke *them* if the *KING* please to have him sent thither. Nay in this *Case* of *MORLEY*, if the *matter* charged upon *him* to be *Committed here* (from *which* I shall not with the *LIBELLER* acquit *him* only because he is a PROTESTANT, considering *what kind of one* he shewed *himself* in the times of *usurpation*, *thorough-pacedly serving* of *them*, and what sort of *one he* manifests *himself* in the *present time of faction*, by those baser Offices of *subornation* and *Perjury* ministring to it,) were any felony under Treason, I speak it with reverence, it were *unjust* not to send him *hither* to be tryed, because the *Statute of* Hen. *the 8th for Tryal of forreign matters in* England, extends *expressly* and only to *Treasons*, so that *lesser Offences* done *here* cannot be tryed *there*, and consequently, to have kept *him* in such *Case* on the *other side* from appearing *here*, wou'd be to hinder a *malefactor* from being brought to *Justice*, which were not *Just*; But as *MORLEYS Case* is, being for *Treason* Committed *here*, which by that *Statute* may be Tryed *there*, the *KING* can *Justly* enough (if He Pleases) detain *him* to be Tryed in *ENGLAND*,

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or (if he thinks fit) *as Juſtly* too may ſend him *hither* for *Tryal*, for by that *Statute* it is in the *KINGS* Choiſe, in which of the *KINGDOMS* ſuch a *Caſe* ſhall be *Try'd*; But then if the *Tryal* be ordered to be *there* upon a *Treaſon* Committed *here*, the *Judges* in *ENGLAND* are therein to *Govern* themſelves according to the *Laws* of *Ireland*, that is, they are not to *adjudge* any thing to be *Treaſon*, but what is ſo by the *Law* of *IRELAND*, or by ſome *Act* of *PARLIAMENT* in *ENGLAND* where *IRELAND* is named, or that is Enacted in *IRELAND*; and this Rule holds concerning *Pleas* in diſcharge of *Treaſon* alſo, wherefore though *MORLEY'S charge* conſiſts of *Treaſonable words* only, and they really *were ſpoken two years ago* as the *LIBELLER* obſerves, whereby *he* was to be diſcharged by the late *Statute* in *ENGLAND* (if they were alledg'd *there*) yet being laid to be ſpoken *here*, where that *Statute* not naming *IRELAND*, nor being Enacted in *IRELAND* do's not extend, *he cannot* reap any *Benefit* by it; From all which though I will not take upon me to conjecture, what were the *Cauſes* MORLEY was not ſent *hither*, yet I may rationally conclude, that *they* cou'd not be any of *thoſe* which are *given* by the *LIBELLER* for it, ſo as *he* proves to be as groſly out in his *Matters of Law as he is notoriouſly miſtaken in his matters of fact*; And where, for Concluſion of this *his* Paragraph, and for the bringing off *Morley* by it, he ſays, *it is remarkable that what MORLEY did declare*, (I ſuppoſe he intends to the *PARLIAMENT*) *in relation to the* Duke *of* ORMONDE *the* Lord CHANCELLOR, *and Sir* John Davis, *he refer'd himſelf for, the truth of it to the* Council *Books or to depoſitions before the* Council *of this* Kingdom; it is more *remarkable* that *MORLEY* did declare *nothing there* (whatſoever he has done *elſewhere*) as to any of thoſe *Perſons*, ſave only Sir *JOHN DAVIS*, and as to him that *he* refer'd nothing to the *COUNCIL BOOKS*, or *to depoſitions* before the *COUNCIL* to prove, other than a pretended Copy *he* produced of the ſaid ô *Neal* or *TYRRELLS Examination*, but of *which* there never was any *Original*

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in the *Council books* or at the *Council Board*, or indeed in *being*, ſo as the *LIBELLER* by his thus *elaborately* attempting to preſerve *MORLEYS* gaſping *reputation*, for ſupport of his *Scandalous reflections* upon the *Government*, does but de-deſtroy his own *Credit*, *and confound* his own *Devices*.

There are *two* other *perſons*, whom the LIBELLER brings by head and ſhoulders into this Paragraph for *evidence* of what *he* aims at by it, but he giving only ſurnames to them as *HANLON*, and *MURPHY*, whereby it is Impoſſible without more certainty, out of the *herds* that are of thoſe *names*, to gather *whom* he means, and not aſſigning any particulars to have come from *them*, in proof of his *General aſſertion* which he Cites them for, by means whereof *he* only ſets up *Shadows* to be conteſted within them; I will therefore paſs them over and come to that more *ſolid body* in the LIBELLERS ſingle opinion of Mr. *HAWKINS*, whom he ſhews as his *next* and *laſt man*, but *who* performed ſuch a *part* when *he* firſt brought *himſelf* upon the *ſtage*, as I cannot tell whether *folly*, or *ſomething that is worſe* were his greateſt *Vice*, and therefore I will determin on neither ſide, but give a *true account* of it, as it has been collected out of the *Original papers* of that *matter*, and then let any *ſober* and *impartial man* make his *Judgment* of it, and of *him* upon it, which was thus; Mr. *HAWKINS* (between *whom* and ſome of the *mac GENNISES his neighbours* there were ſome differences) came to my *Lord* LIEUTENANT to the *CASTLE*, having made *his* way as being a ſtranger by preſenting of a letter from Sir *HANS HAMILTON* a late member of the *Council* unto *his GRACE*, & there acquainted *his Grace* that one *Daniel Hanvy* came to *him* to his houſe in the Country, and told *him* of a meeting which he had a little before with one *Con mac Gennis* at *Down-Patrick*, and that among other things which at that meeting paſſed betwixt them, *mac GENNIS* engaged *him* to joyn with *him* in ſwearing *HIS GRACE*, Mr. *HAWKINS* and *others* into the *Plot*, and at the ſame time did give *him a little money*, and promiſed him a great deal more when they ſhou'd afterwards

meet, as they then agreed to do at *Dublin*, where the design was to be carried on betwixt *them*, That with this *Information* Mr. *HAWKINS* repaired to Sir *HANS HAMILTON*, who adviſed him to carry it to my *LORD* LIEUTENANT where he thus brought it, hereupon my *Lord* LIEUTENANT cauſed Mr. *HAWKINS* to bring *HANVY* to *him*, and after *his GRACE* had with great privacy taken his *Examination*, which was much to the purpoſe aforeſaid, he asked Mr. *HAWKINS* if he knew *CON mac GENNIS*, and where he was to be found, which *he* ſaid *he* did very well, and that as *HANVY* told *him*, he was come to Town in order to their aforeſaid appointed meeting, which was to be *ſometime* on *that* or the *day following*, and though Mr. *HAWKINS* did not know the *certain houſe* where it ſhou'd be in, yet he would learn it from *HANVY*, and thereupon he propoſed to *his GRACE* that for having *more Witneſſes* beſides *HANVY* of what ſhou'd paſs at that intended *meeting*, *his GRACE* wou'd appoint another *Truſty perſon* to joyn with one NEAL *mac* LAUGHKIN whom Mr. *HAWKINS* deſigned to employ, for ſo diſpoſing of *themſelves* in the Room of the Houſe where the *others* were to meet in, that *they* might (without being obſerved by them) ſee *them*, and hear the diſcourſes betwixt *them*; Which my LORD LIEUTENANT complied with, and was accordingly done, only with this Variation, that Mr. *HAWKINS* employed *another* in that ſervice in the ſtead of *mac* LAUGHLIN, who cou'd not be found. In the mean time *his GRACE* kept this *matter* as a *ſecret* from *all perſons*, leaſt any *diſapppointment* ſhou'd befall ſuch a promiſed *diſcovery*, afterwards Mr. *HAWKINS* came to my LORD LIEUTENANT, and acquainted *him* the parties had met, and the perſon appointed by *his* GRACE, with the other whom *Hawkins* did employ in the Over hearing of them, came likewiſe, & told *his Grace* that they ſaw *HANVY* & another *man* whom he call'd CON *mac* GENNIS together, and heard *them* diſcourſe of ſuch deſigns as were at firſt informed, but withal that *they* obſerved and heard *mac* GENNIS to ſay at their parting to the

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Maſter of the houſe, who came towards the end of *their* diſcourſe to *them* Theſe words, *take notice I never ſaw this perſon* pointing at *HANVY before the laſt night*, upon this Report brought to my Lord LIEUTENANT He ordered *CON mac GENNIS* to be ſent for, who appeared *and denied his name to be CON mac GENNIS*, affirming it to be *OWEN DUFFY*, and proved it to be ſo by invincible Circumſtances; but *he* owned at the ſame time *his* having gone under the name of *CON mac GENNIS too*, and his having had the aforeſaid meeting with *HANVY*, whom withal *he* proteſted *he* never ſaw until the night before *he* had the meeting with *him*, which with *his* other feigned parts, *he* ſaid *he* was prevailed upon to Act, by the deſires of one *HENRY FARREL*, whoſe reaſon for the ſame *he* knew not, but referr'd it to *FARREL* to declare: At his proceeding my Lord LIEUTENANT (as any one wou'd be) was ſtrangly ſurpriſed, and the more, becauſe his *GRACE* was ſatisfied at *his* firſt ſight of the Man, who now is *DUFFY*, and before *he* named himſelf to be ſo, that *he* was *not CON mac GENNIS* whom *HANVY* had deſcribed, for *him* His *GRACE* had occaſions to ſee and know long before, in the quality of a Deputy *Purſuvant* for diſpatching of *Iriſh Witneſſes*, ſent for from *hence* into *ENGLAND*, but what *HIS GRACE* moſt wonder'd at was, that *HANVY* ſhou'd have affirmed as he did, *his* having had a familiar acquaintance for many years together with that *CON mac GENNIS* before, and yet that *he* ſhou'd now take this *DUFFY* for *him*; Hereupon my Lord LIEUTENANT had *HAWKINS* and *HANVY* who were attending, called in, where *HANVY* upon the queſtion put to him, declared again ſuch *his long acquaintance with* CON *mac* GENNIS, and all the other matters touching him, and confidently affirmed, that *DUFFY* then preſent before *him* was the Man, and Mr. *HAWKINS* (although at his firſt coming to my Lord LIEUTENANT, and as is before mentioned, *he* told His *GRACE* that *he knew* CON mac GENNIS *very well*, and conſequently, cou'd not but at this time know that *DUFFY* whom *he ſaw* thus to perſonate *him* was ano-

ther perſon) yet as if *he* wou'd have had my Lord *Lieutenant* deceived, did ſuffer *Duffy* to paſs upon *His GRACE* for *Con mac* GENNIS, without offering any thing to undeceive *him*, until *my Lord LIEUTENANT* did at laſt take notice to them, how *that perſon* had proved himſelf to be *OWEN DUFFY*, and how *his Grace* himſelf knew that it was not *CON mac GENNIS*, upon which *HANVY* and *HAWKINS* confeſſed themſelves to be miſtaken, and ſo in great confuſion vaniſhed; After this ſcene was thus over, which in the *perſons* and *the parts* of it looked the moſt odd, and was the leaſt intelligible, that for a great while has been preſented, *my Lord* LIEUTENANT conducted the whole matter to the *Council*, where it ſeemed as a perfect *riddle*, and becauſe *FARRELL* appeared the ableſt *to unfold it*, by giving an account how he came to make *DUFFY* perſonate *CON mac GENNIS* unto *HANVY*, *he* was order'd to be *examined*, who in *his Examination* and upon *his Oath* declared, that NEAL *mac* LAUGHLIN did ſome time before, lodging at *his* houſe, let fall expreſſions which gave *him* ſuſpicion of HAWKINS *his* being upon ſome *evil deſigns*, and that *he* was confirmed therein afterwards, by lighting upon a letter from *HAWKINS* to *mac LAUGHLIN* which FARRELL produced, and HAWKINS confeſſed, but pretends to be an *innocent* end, and which directed *mac* LAUGHLIN to go to one RAWLINSON in *Dublin* for the furniſhing *him* with money, enjoyning him afterwards to repair to *HAWKINS* into the *North* concerning the *buſineſs* which *mac* LAUGHLIN was to do *for him*; That after *mac LAUGHLIN* (who then went to the *North* accordingly) returned unto Town, *he* came to *Farrells* houſe, but told *him* that *he* was to lodge no longer with *him*, for that *he* had a lodging provided in another place hard by the ſaid RAWLINSON; which with FARRELLS obſerving of *mac* LAUGHLIN to be fluſh of money, and underſtanding that *HAWKINS* was come to Town, put it out of all doubt with *him* that there was ſome miſchief a *contriving*, which *Farrell* reſolved to imploy *himſelf* in the finding out, and for that purpoſe remembring that

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mac LAUGHLIN had been very inquiſitive of *him* for *CON mac GENNIS*, and perceiving ſeveral meſſengers to come to *his* houſe at divers times in a day to enquire for *CON mac GENNIS*, as from *perſons* newly come out of the *Country*, *He* dogg'd ſome of *Them* to a certain Houſe whither *he* prevailed with *OWEN DUFFY* to go with *him*, and if there ſhou'd be Occaſion to take upon *him* the name of *CON mac GENNIS*, after *whom* this great inquiry had been, and when *they* came thither and a little after *they* had talked ſomething loud, on purpoſe to be heard by *an obſcure man* who they were told was in the next Room, that man (who proved to be *DANIEL HANVY*) hearing the name of *CON mac GENNIS*, came in unto *them*, and applying himſelf to *DUFFY*, whom *he* took or pretended to take for *CON mac GENNIS*, finding *him* to be called ſo, ſaid to *him* with much kindneſs, *you know we have great buſineſs to do, to which* DUFFY *anſwered, yes, yes*, and ſo after having appointed to meet together the next day, *they* then parted, which was the only occaſion, as *FARREL* ſaid, of his thus perſwading *DUFFY* to perſonate *CON mac* GENNIS unto *Hanvy*, and of ſuch meetiug and diſcourſe had betwixt *them*, and now let any *one* who reads theſe *true paſſages* of that affair *Judge*, whether Mr. *HAWKINS* has acquitted *himſelf* like that *man of honor*, *diſcretion*, and *ingenuity*, which the LIBELLER wou'd blazon *him*; and whether my Lord *DUKE* of *ORMONDE* be not a more *merciful perſon* to the DISSENTERS, than the LIBELLER wou'd ſeem before to repreſent *him*, ſince notwithſtanding Mr. *HAWKINS* be *one* of the *virulenſt* of them, and by ſuch *his* proceedings appeared a very great *Trifler* with, if not an *Affronter* of *GOVERNMENT*, yet his *GRACE* let *him* go without inflicting any Puniſhment upon *him* for it, althô *he* cou'd not but take more notice of *him* afterwards, when an *Information* amounting as near to *HIGH TREASON* as cou'd be was given into the *Council* againſt *him*, and by ſuch a *Perſon* too as Mr. *Florence Weyer* a *Sanctified evidence* in *ENGLAND*

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and who was *one* of the *Chiefeſt* of thoſe *Witneſſes* upon *whoſe Teſtimonies* the *Titular Primate* PLUNKET was found guilty in the *Kings Bench* there, for which reaſon the *LIBELLER* never ſo much as mentions *WEYER* here, but only takes notice of *mac* GENNIS and *mac* LAUGHLIN *who* ſwore latter in *time*, and much inferior in *matter* againſt *HAWKINS* than the *other* did, and as to *mac* LAUGHLIN it is obſervable that though the *LIBELLER* affirms *he* never ſpoke with *HAWKINS* but *once*, and *then* only to inſinuate into *his* acquaintance, yet *HAWKINS himſelf* in *his Examination* owns to have known *him* and to have Employed *him* in *his buſineſs* for ſome years paſt; And beſides it is manifeſt by *HAWKINS his* above mentioned Letter to *Mac* LAUGHLIN (which *FARRELL* produced upon *his* being *Examined*, and *HAWKINS* Confeſſed in *his Examination* to be *his* hand) that there was a familiar acquaintance betwixt *him* and *Mac* LAWGHLIN before, which Letter, looking ſo *ſuſpicious*, and being followed with *WEYERS* and the others *Informations*, which ſounded ſo *dangerous*, my Lord LIEUTENANT and COUNCIL cou'd do no leſs than as they did, to Commit *HAWKINS* upon them, and notwithſtanding the LIBELLER and *his Party* wou'd now, becauſe it ſeems to thwart *their* deſigns, reflect upon the *Government* for doing of it, as too much *countenancing of Informations*, yet (as has been found by late experience,) *they* wou'd be apt at another time (if it might advance their purpoſes) more ſeverely to fall upon the GOVERNMENT for not doing of it, as too great *diſcountenancing* of Evidence, ſo *partial* and ſo *paſſionate* are the *FACTIOUS*.

Thus, (*Sir*,) have I run through the ſeveral Parts of this LIBELL, which touch upon this *Kingdom*, and the *Government* of it, and in my anſwers to them, I have for the moſt part *mentioned* and *referr'd* unto ſuch *papers of Eſtate* & *publick Records*, and beſides, all the matters of them prove to fall within the knowledges of ſo many *perſons* living, that if I had not a *ſingular regard* to truth (which I hope I ſhall ever follow) and a *particular* reſpect

ſpect for you (whom I am certain I will never abuſe) yet you may be ſure I wou'd not dare and therefore that I have not adventur'd to ſay any thing, but what contains the greateſt veracity, ſince in doing otherwiſe (which was a ſufficient Precaution to me from the beginning unto the end of this work) I knew I ſhou'd be by *variety* of *Teſtimonies* diſproved, and render'd not only as *Odious*, but as *Ridiculous* and *Contemptible* to the World, as our LIBELLER has ſhewn himſelf, who though *he* won'd have it believed, as if he were in his *principles* the fartheſt removed from the *Popiſh Party*, do's yet expoſe his LIBELL (by the groſs *lies* which are diſperſed through it) to be the neareſt allied unto the *Popiſh Legend*. I am with Eſteem and reſpect,

Dublin the 1*ſt*. of
April 1682.

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Your moſt affectionate and

moſt humble Servant.